

# WHERE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY THRIVES

Ontario is where bold ideas come to life, tackling some of the biggest challenges the world has ever seen. Businesses in Ontario’s information technology sector thrive because they work within a robust digital infrastructure and an innovative and open culture, with a multicultural, tech-skilled workforce and a government that supports technology developments.

Home to three of North America’s top 5 most concentrated tech markets, the regions of Ottawa, Toronto and Waterloo held first, third and fourth for North America’s most concentrated tech markets.

Ontario is where industry giants like Nokia, Google, IBM and Amazon invest in major R&D operations. With a record of accomplishments that includes the BlackBerry, the world’s first Geographical Information System (GIS) software, IMAX film technology, ground-breaking two-way wireless technology and breakthroughs in 3D animation, Ontario has an impressive history of invention and innovation in information.

## ONTARIO’S IT INDUSTRY BY THE NUMBERS

**\$48.3B**  
GDP

MORE THAN  
**21,000**  
FIRMS

**408,000+**  
WORKERS

**\$8.3B**  
IN EXPORTS

**63,500**  
ANNUAL STEM  
GRADS

**9%**  
ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF  
STEM GRADS OVER **5 YEARS**

**70%**  
OF CANADA’S LARGEST  
IT R&D SPENDERS

# ONTARIO EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP IN:

- Artificial intelligence
- Cleantech
- Cloud computing
- Cybersecurity
- Ecommerce
- Fintech
- Interactive digital media, AR & VR
- Internet of Things
- Microelectronics
- Quantum computing
- Smart cities
- Software as a service
- Telecom and 5G



## THE TOP 5 REASONS TO CHOOSE ONTARIO

### 1. TALENT

71% of working adults possess a post-secondary education



### 2. INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Business, academia and government work together to drive bold ideas to market

### 3. COMPETITIVE COSTS

Some of the lowest corporate taxes in North America  
 Save up to 50% on after-tax R&D expenditures  
 Source high quality products and services that are extremely cost-competitive

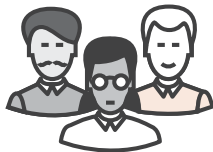


### 4. ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

A short distance to U.S. hubs  
 Free trade agreements with 51 countries

### 5. DIVERSITY

People from 150 countries  
 Over 200 languages spoken



We wanted to take our jobs to where the talent is.”

CHANDRASHEKAR LSP  
 MANAGING DIRECTOR  
 IN CANADA FOR ZOHO

## LEADERS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Ontario is home to more than 400 AI organizations, including the **Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence**, an independent, not-for-profit excelling in machine and deep learning. With AI luminary Geoffrey Hinton as its chief scientific advisor, Vector works with institutions, industry, startups, incubators and accelerators to advance AI research and drive its application, adoption and commercialization.

### WHO'S HERE

- Amazon
- AMD
- Celestica
- Google
- IBM
- Nokia
- Microsoft
- Ericsson
- Nvidia
- Qualcomm
- OpenText
- Oracle
- SAP
- Shopify
- TSMC

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